

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
AMENDMENT TO CALWORKS PLAN**

Tuolumne County is amending their CalWORKs Plan as required by California Department of Social Services All-County Letter Number 98-90 and in accordance with the California Department of Social Services Manual Section 42-780.5 to include the Department of Labors' Federal Welfare to Work Grant Program as follows:

Amend Tuolumne County CalWORKs Plan which was effective January 1, 1998, Page 3, II. *Collaboration with Public and Private Agencies to Provide Training and Supportive Services* as follows:

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Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA) was awarded a 15 percent Special Project, Department of Labor, grant which began serving Welfare-to-Work clients in December, 1998, in a program entitled *Work Start*. This program was designed through a strong collaborative community process which, among others, includes Mother Lode Job Training Agency (MLJTA). *Work Start* provides comprehensive post employment training which transitions into post-employment community services work activities through ATCAA. Those clients who successfully complete this portion of the program will have the opportunity of being placed in an on-the-job training slot through the Mother Lode Job Training Agency using Department of Labor 85 percent money.

Regularly scheduled meetings between agencies and frequent communication between WTW case managers and ATCAA/MLJTA staff assures appropriate activity coordination between agencies in the *Work Start* program

Department of Social Services' Welfare-to-Work clients are referred to *Work Start* using a referral form that enumerates the required Department of Labor Welfare-to-Work eligibility criteria. ATCAA/MLJTA staff are co-located at the *Work Start* site and share the referral information required for both funding sources. Each agency keeps separate files.